

Rules of Engagement: Declaring our Intent - Changing the Protocol

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There is a lot of ground to cover, and things are going to change here at the news ranch. Before we discuss these changes and our intent, I believe it is time to directly address those persons who are threatening our liberties.

To the Federal Government of the United States:

I certainly hope the rumors and reports we are hearing are a massive psyche-op about more domestic wire-tapping, e-mail snooping, etc., and in short - broader powers to the federal constabulary. If they are true, and this is among the tools you will use to wage this 'war against terrorism', then we will loose this war - if we haven't lost already. Over the weekend, New York Governor George Pataki stated, "These terrorists want to destroy our liberty; destroy our way of life". As we are supposed to show a unified front, I have yet to see any terrorist cell, group, or nation state such objectives in the last week, month or year. I have seen these proposals pushed by those in high positions in Washington over the last few days.

Before I explain why your newest liberty grabbing schemes won't work, let me explain what we are really up against and what's really bothering me.

Terrorists - I'm really sick of hearing the word. If you really think these were 'terrorists', and what happened in New York and Washington were mere 'acts of terrorism', then it has become evident that everyone has forgotten what 'war' is. This is why I waited until the closing bell on Wall Street to write this article.

Guns don't kill people. People kill People. Let's see if this layman can help you folks in the Pentagon, the White House, and Capitol Hill.

In combat theory, the weapon becomes an extension of the solider. In the attacks on September 11, 2001 (henceforth known as "Black Tuesday") the soldier, in this case, has become an extension of the weapon. The 'weapon of mass destruction' in this case is the soldier himself.

Notice I said soldier - not 'terrorist'. After all, this was an Act of War. Take a look at the stock market - wars do that, not terrorists.

The 'Commander-in-Chief' of this opposing army seems to be either a sect of Islam or Allah himself. Political correctness prevents us from dare mentioning the latter - but we got to look at the battlefield in reality, don't we?

Regardless, this Middle Eastern C-in-C has (according to your intel) sent his weapons to wipe out the 'infidels'. That would include most of us. And the first thing I hear from the people in Washington (that we're suppose to rally around) is they will make us safe from

such destruction by, among other things, compromising the same communication network that prevented UAL Cruise Missile #93 from hitting its intended target (thanks to those brave souls). Tapping cell phones, e-mail, and in short, everything you can get your hands on, to prevent this from happening again, while leaving the last line of defense defenseless.

Isn't that how this mess happened in the first place?

Yes, there are high placed FBI officials wanting to expand the definition of terrorist as 'websites [that] serve to leak out information that will cause Americans to "distrust their government", etc...' It's time to ask for the federal government and the people to take a serious gut check:

Do you want to win this war, or make more victims?

Despite what you may have heard from certain left wing groups and government employees hell bent on job security, we're not your enemy here. Ask and you shall receive. Get court orders, expand your powers and you'll kill the golden goose. Here's what's going to happen - here's what the American citizens will do - if and when the Federal Government oversteps its boundaries with its citizens in its 'war against terrorism'.

Nothing.

Which is the exact amount of quality information they will receive as well. Federals: You are trying to control and lord over the eyes and ears on the nation - the only people capable of defending this nation. You simply don't have the manpower to get the job done. You need us? You want unity? Then we want a partnership here. We are all in this together - and someone in Washington better get that through their thick heads.

Else we can kiss our American asses good-bye right now - and save the candles.

If you think you know what's best for the American People, and you think your new security measures will make us safer, proof of the American public faith in you can be found on a Midway Airlines pink slip, or more than a few empty seats on TWA.

Seriously, few in Washington may even listen to this - except all the more reason to increase surveillance on the author. Fine. Practice that kind of ideology and we will all lose this war.

- You will play right into the hands of those 'terrorists'. You'll be doing their jobs for them.

We really can't stop you from legislating and adjudicating our rights away, but since we're in this battlefield, you're going to have to kill us to stop us from defending our homeland. You see, we'll have to do that in order for you to have an un-interrupted supply of men and material to pursue this war. My suggestion to the federal government: Join us.

And with that, watch Real America go to work. We've got a job to do people.

Sierra Times.com will begin to adhere to one of the primary principles of the Constitution - "Provide for the Common Defense". We will do this by becoming the eyes and ears at home - at providing the necessary essentials for survival of this nation during this conflict.

We will be calling on the best from law enforcement, military, medical, firearms, electrical, communication and other minds we have to bear on how to handle the defense of this nation in a sound, yet lawful manner.

We don't have a choice. We are Americans. We have to save a nation.

This enemy can strike at any time, and any place - even using themselves as the weapon. We've just got to be a little bit smarter - and have a few more family jewels. SierraTimes.com will show this on our site - the stuff other news sites wouldn't dare publish - but should.

We are going into a war mode folks. We don't want to see what happened on Black Tuesday happen again. Here's what's coming up first:

The War Room: This department will be handled down at the Sagebrush Saloon by Henrietta Bowman.

The SitRep list: A Network of folks around the nation providing situation reports on activity in the U.S. And no, we don't jeopardize national security - we enhance it.

You will see articles and editorials to reflect the fact that we mean business.

This is reality. This is War. And these are the Rules of Engagement.

Stay tuned.

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